1 2	3	4	5
5. Manmade yarn, fabrics madeups	0.56	1.53	6.49
6. Wheat	-	10.64	-
7.Tobacco unmanufactured	28.08	-	-
8. Electronic goods	10.08	-	-
9. Others	2.67	1.41	2.82
	87.83	22.02	28.85

Gold and Silver confiscated at Calicut Airport

3674. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity and value of contraband gold and silver confiscated at Calicut Airport during the last three years;

(b) the value of other contraband articles confiscated at Calicut Airport during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for prevention of smuggling via Calicut Airport?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Quantity & Value of Gold & silver confiscated at Calicut Airport during last three years is as follows :

(a) GOLD

Year	Qty. (in Kgs.)	Value (Rs. in Lacs)
1993-94	45.25	199.00
1994-95	23.31	107.70
1995-96	43.37	213.30

(B) SILVER

Year	Qty. (in Kgs.)	Value (Rs. in Lacs)
1993-94	203.00	14.00
1994-95 and 1995-96	NIL	NIL

(b) Value of contraband articles (other than gold & silver) confiscated at Calicut Airport during the last three years is as follows :—

OTHER CONTRABAND ITEMS

Year	Value (Rs in Lacs)
1993-94	58.00
1994-95	76.50
1995-96	124.00

(c) Measures taken to curb smuggling at Calicut Airport include surveillance on sensitive areas at the airport, intensified intelligence and investigating activities, deployment of sophisticated equipments such as baggage x-ray machines and metal detectors. Close coordination is also maintained amongst all the enforcement agencies concerned in the detection and prevention of smuggling.

Setting up of MRTPC Bench at Bangalore

3675. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to open MRTPC benches in the States for speedy disposal of cases;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received any proposal to set-up bench of MRTPC at Bangalore;

(d) if so, since when the said proposal is pending with the Union Government; and

(e) the time by which this proposal is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Government has received proposals to set-up Regional Benches of the MRTP Commission including one at Bangalore. However, it has not been considered necessary to set-up regular Regional Benches outside Delhi as the MRTP Act, 1969 already permits the MRTP Commission to have its sittings outside Delhi for exercise of its powers or functions under the Act. The Commission in fact is holding its sittings at places outside Delhi as and when considered necessary.

(e) Does not arise.

Investment in Joint Ventures by MMTC

3676. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been invited to the news item captioned "Rs. 100-Cr. investment in NIL MINISTRY